

Better Buildings Residential Network Peer Exchange Call Series

Coming Soon: Innovations Heading to the Residential Efficiency Market from the DOE Advanced Building Construction Initiative

June 23, 2022



Agenda and Ground Rules

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 - Adam Hasz, U.S. Department of Energy
 - Lucas Toffoli, RMI
 - Diana Hun, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
 - Rob Vieira, Florida Solar Energy Center
- Open Discussion
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Ground Rules:

- 1. Sales of services and commercial messages are not appropriate during Peer Exchange Calls.
- 2. Calls are a safe place for discussion; **please do not attribute information to individuals** on the call.

The views expressed by speakers are their own, and do not reflect those of the Dept. of Energy.





Better Buildings Residential Network

Join the Network

Member Benefits:

- Recognition in media, social media and publications
- Speaking opportunities
- Updates on latest trends
- Voluntary member initiatives
- One-on-One brainstorming conversations

Commitment:

Members only need to provide one number: their organization's number of residential energy upgrades per year, or equivalent.

Upcoming Calls (2nd & 4th Thursdays):

- 7/14: What's Working in Local Residential Efficiency Policies?
- 7/28: Understanding Clean Heat Standards What Is the Lay of the Land?
- 8/11: What Are Best Practices in Behavior Change for Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction

Peer Exchange Call summaries are posted on the Better Buildings website a few weeks after the call

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Adam Hasz
U.S. Department of Energy





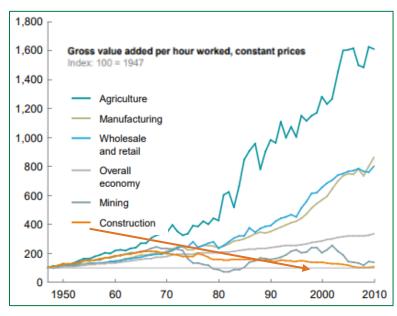
Advanced Building Construction (ABC) Initiative Overview

Adam Hasz
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U.S. Department of Energy



Building Construction and Renovation Faces Big Challenges

U.S. labor productivity in construction has declined since 1968



https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/capital-projects-and-infrastructure/our-insights/improving-construction-productivity

Global building stock expected to more than double in area by 2060



2018 Global Status Report. United Nations Environment Programme. International Energy Agency for the Global Alliance for Building and Construction (GlobalABC)

US annual retrofits fall far short in quantity & depth to meet carbon goals

- ✓ Only about 2 percent of commercial building space and less than 1 percent of homes undergo energy improvements each year
- ✓ Improvements typically just scratch the surface with savings rarely surpassing 30 percent
- Comprehensive upgrades don't appeal to consumers: too costly compared to perceived value, too slow, with inconsistent performance

EIA CBECS 2012 and RECS 2015; ACEEE 2017; Regulatory Assistance Project 2011

ABC: Industrializing Construction to Decarbonize Buildings

DOE's Advanced Building Construction (ABC) Initiative is focused on accelerating the decarbonization of the U.S. buildings sector through industrialized construction innovations that deliver efficient, affordable, and appealing new buildings and retrofits.

Development & Demonstration

Innovate & validate appealing solutions that can achieve carbon neutrality for common and high-impact building types.

Carbon-Neutral Whole-Building Solutions

Market Transformation

Use the ABC Collaborative to communicate consumer interests and inform product design; aggregate demand; reduce risks; and establish competitive business models.

ABC Initiative Investments Focus on Technologies, Manufacturing, & Markets

ABC Solutions Cut Across the Entire Supply Chain & Delivery

Advanced Building Construction solutions improve construction sector productivity and help the most difficult building types reach carbon neutrality.

Innovation Across the Supply Chain + Streamlined Delivery



Credits: Tocci (Data Collection & Integrated Design), Factory Zero (Components), Energiesprong (Installation)

DOE has made \$58m in investments in ABC technologies to date

Drone Mapping



Laser 3D Scanning



3D Printing & New Methods of Fabrication





Mixed Reality



HVAC Pods



Unitized Wall Panel Factory Assembly



Prefabricated Wall Panels

Photo credit: Energiesprong



Demand is growing for ABC-type retrofits around the country





A commitment and call to action to support California's affordable housing owners and developers in decarbonizing their portfolios.

35,598 units committed, more on the way

- 1000+ retrofit challenge in MA
- Interest from PHAs, including NYCHA

To learn more about the ABC Initiative and DOE-funded projects, visit www.buildings.energy.gov/abc or email me at adam.hasz@ee.doe.gov For information on the ABC Collaborative and how to get involved, visit www.advancedbuildingconstruction.org



Lucas Toffoli *RMI*







Collaborative

Our goal: to decarbonize the US building stock while improving resilience, affordability, and equity.



Our hypothesis: by modernizing the construction industry and using more holistic definitions of quality and value, we can leapfrog the anemic pace at which decarbonization strategies are adopted by the mainstream buildings sector. Mariko Reed / Onion Flats

Our answer:

AEC ADVANCED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Collaborative

Advanced Building Construction (ABC)

In short, ABC refers to retrofit and new construction solutions that combine:

Energy-efficient building decarbonization



Scalable, streamlined industrialized construction approaches

Deep energy efficiency has substantial co-benefits.





Reduced maintenance



Increased thermal and acoustic comfort



Improved indoor air quality and health outcomes



Resilience, including passive survivability



Reduced emissions



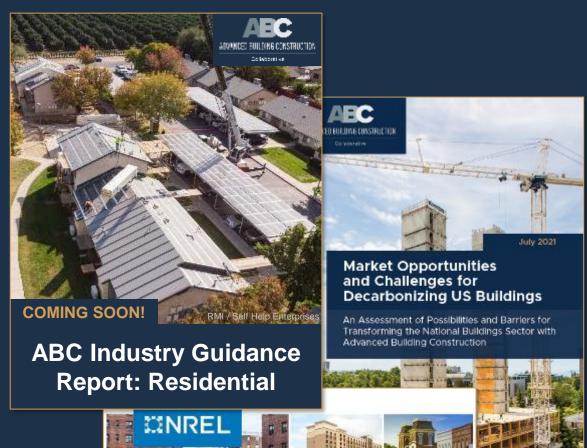
Electrical grid stability

Industrialized construction (IC) can help rapidly deploy energy-efficient, low-carbon buildings at scale.

- Only a small percentage of US construction uses IC approaches.
- Yet a large part of the ~\$700B US residential construction market could incorporate IC, which can enable higher performance, faster deployment, reduced schedule risk, enhanced QC, technology integration, and workforce benefits.

But real estate, construction, and the public sector must collaborate to achieve this!







Collaborative

Thought leadership helps guide stakeholders in the nascent ABC market.

The Collaborative is providing guidance for industry:

- ABC Market Insights Report
- Building Stock Characterization Studies (NREL)
- Industry Guidance Report residential report expected this fall
- Topical briefs

U.S. Building Stock Characterization Study
A National Typology for Decarbonizing U.S. Buildings

Part 1: Residential Buildings

Residential real estate actors can get involved in growing ABC opportunities



Retrofit:

- MA 1,000-Apartment Challenge
- CA Building Owner Pledge
- NYSERDA RetrofitNY
- Future owner interest RfP

New construction:

- CA Bay Area small urban infill IC housing (pending)
- Milwaukee public-private IC housing partnership (pending)
- Future single-family homebuilder engagement
- Future multifamily IC design co-development

Residential Retrofit:

REALIZE MA & CA





Residential New Construction:

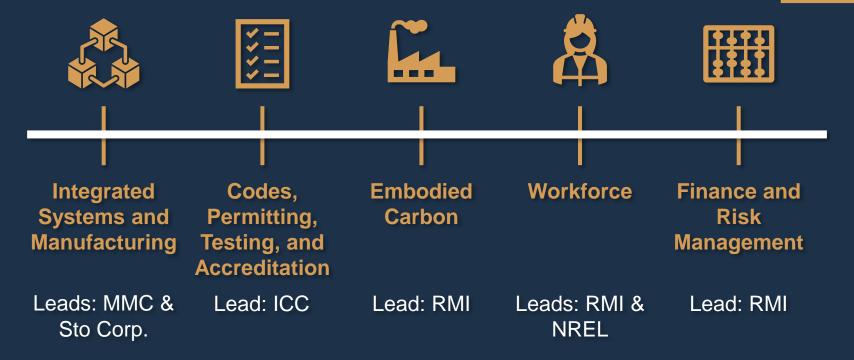
Proposed Bay Area EDA BBBRC Cluster

Interested organizations can also participate in the Collaborative's convening activities.



The Collaborative's active Working Groups offer participants ongoing interactive programming on a range of topics.

The ABC Initiative and ABC Collaborative also jointly organize monthly Coffee Chats



Note: Working Groups subject to change

Collaborative Network







































































Air Conditioning

Technologies









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Goodman Air Conditioning & Heating





















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Integrated Retrofit Solutions for Residential and Commercial Buildings

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Building Envelopes Group

35+ years leading development, integration, and deployment of building materials and systems

Envelope materials and systems that enable energy efficient, low-carbon, healthy, comfortable, and durable buildings

Advanced construction techniques that increase throughput and affordability

Free online tools that disseminate our findings

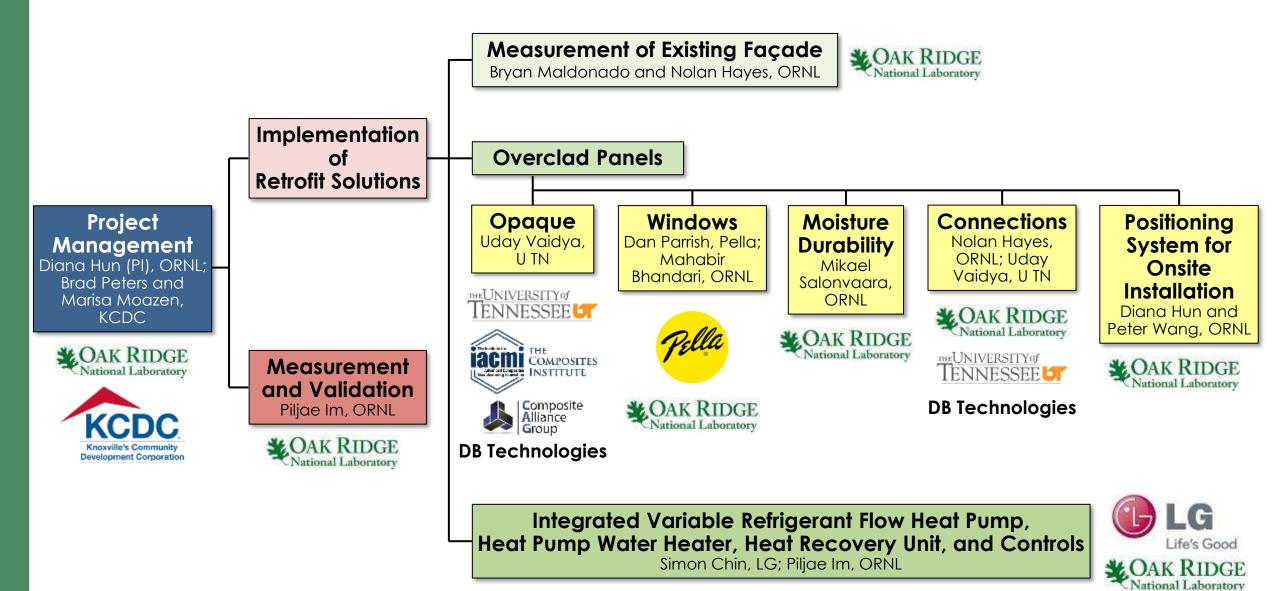
New construction and retrofits

Partnerships with academia and industry

Goals

- Develop and field validate integrated retrofit solutions
 - Decrease heating and cooling loads by ≥75%
 - Increase occupant comfort
 - Enhance building aesthetics
 - Reduce occupant disturbance and retrofit time
 - Replicable and scalable
 - Applicable to different building types and climate zones
- Set the path for underserved and other communities to attain high-quality, affordable, and energy-efficient building retrofits

Team, Roles, Technologies



Retrofit Sites



KCDC provides housing options in Knoxville and Knox County specifically designed to meet the needs of **families**, **seniors** and **disabled low-income residents**. KCDC Communities offer **high-quality**, **affordable housing** with resident amenities in a neighborhood setting.

Excellent opportunity to support the Justice 40 Initiative



Duplexes at Western Heights, Knoxville, TN

12 Duplexes

- Built in early 1940s
- \sim 20ft × \sim 60ft footprint
- No wall insulation
- Minimal attic insulation
- Load bearing masonry walls
- 15-year-old double pane windows w/o low-e coating
- Package terminal air conditioners (PTACs)
- 30-gal electric water heaters

Excellent Retrofit Opportunity

- Simple envelope
- Single story
- Load bearing masonry walls
- Retrofit 8 to 12 buildings



Perfect opportunity to evaluate and optimize replicability, scalability, and cost reduction



Boys and Girls Club, Knoxville, TN

General Characteristics

- Built in 1967
- ~12,000 ft² of offices, meeting areas, and gym
- Load bearing masonry walls
- No wall insulation
- Single pane windows with aluminum frames
- PTAC units in offices and roof top unit (RTU) at meeting areas and gym
- Electric water heater

Excellent Retrofit Opportunity

- Start retrofit in ~2023
- Schedule allows completion of duplex retrofits and implementation of developed procedure on a more complex building type (e.g., nonplanar façade, multizone commercial building with different space/occupancy types)
- Single story
- Load bearing masonry walls



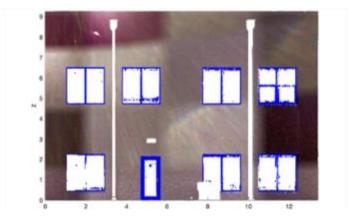
Great opportunity to test the retrofit technologies demonstrated at Western Heights

Retrofit Technologies

Cost-Effective Approach to Gather Measurements of Existing Facades

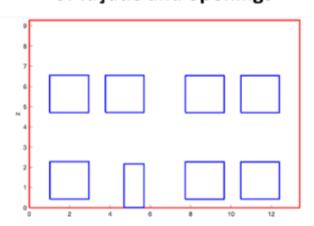
- Reduce by ≥75% amount of human effort to manually survey building facades and clean point cloud data from 3D scanners
- Develop minimally-supervised machine learning algorithms
 - Supply dimensions for envelope perimeter, window and door openings, and other items, as well as their relative position
 - 1/8-inch accuracy
- Status
 - Working proof of concept
 - Next steps: increase robustness and processing speed

Import point cloud data from 3D scanner and automatically identify openings



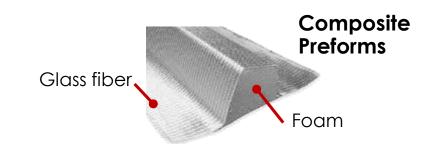


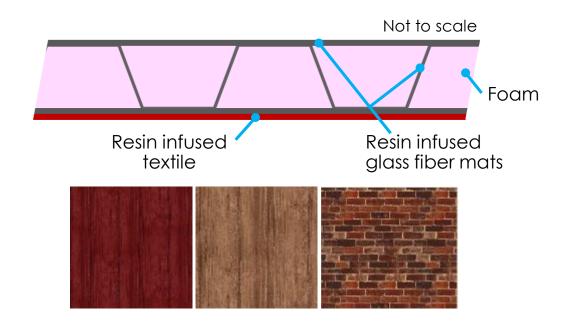
Automatically determine dimensions of façade and openings



Composite Overclad Panels

- Integrate thermal, air and water barriers, structural components, and cladding in a thin and lightweight profile
- Scalable and cost-effective vacuum assisted resin transfer molding process
- Numerous cladding aesthetic options
- Meet wind and earthquake loads by tailoring substructure layout, fiber reinforcement, resin type
- Drainage plane and vented cavity make retrofit design suitable for different climate zones and building types





6-inch-thick panel

- ~R30
- ~4 lb/ft²
- Simple steps to tailor aesthetics and load capacity



Composite Overclad Panels Proof of Concept

Composite preforms

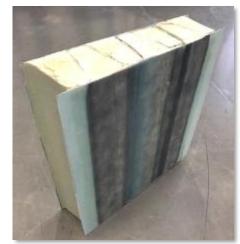


Vacuum assisted resin transfer molding



Assembly

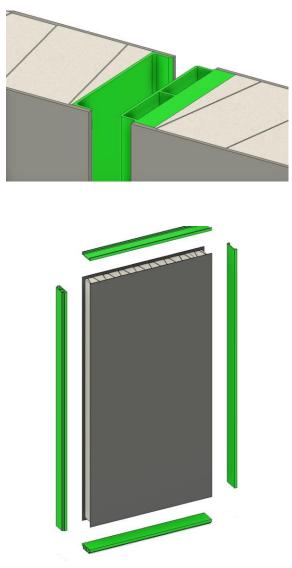


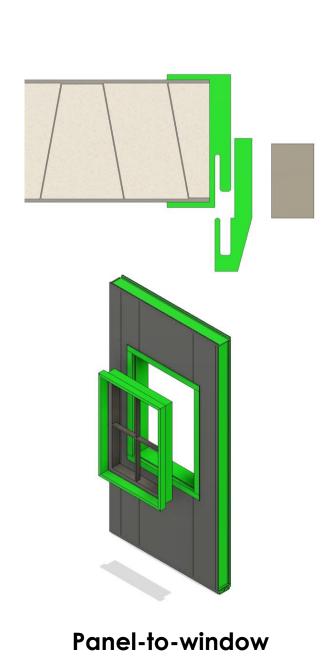


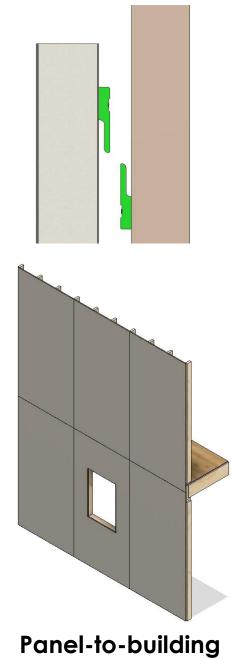
Next steps: scale up, cost optimization, embodied carbon reduction



Connections



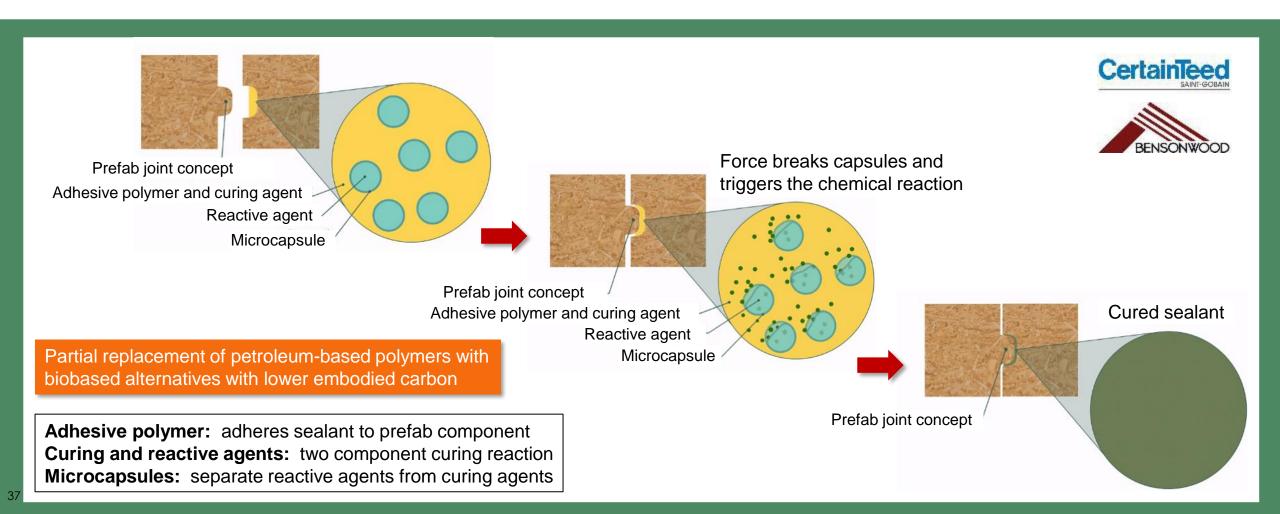




Preinstalled Sealant for Prefab Components

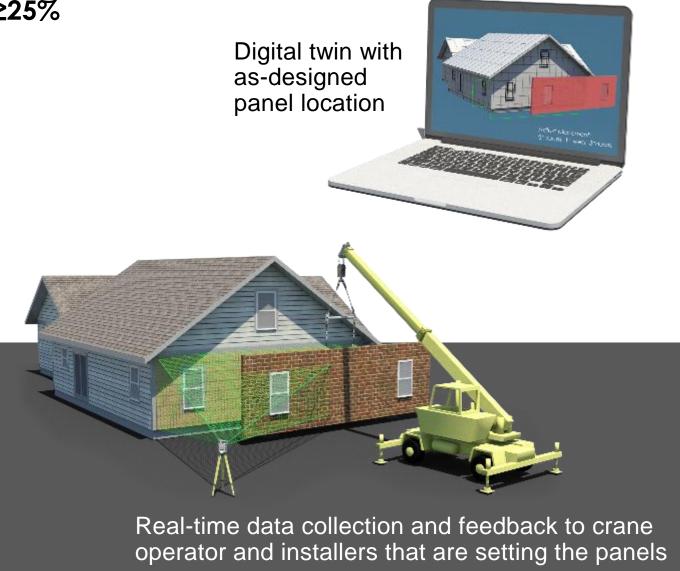
Low-carbon sealant that is

installed at prefab plant and pressure activated at jobsite

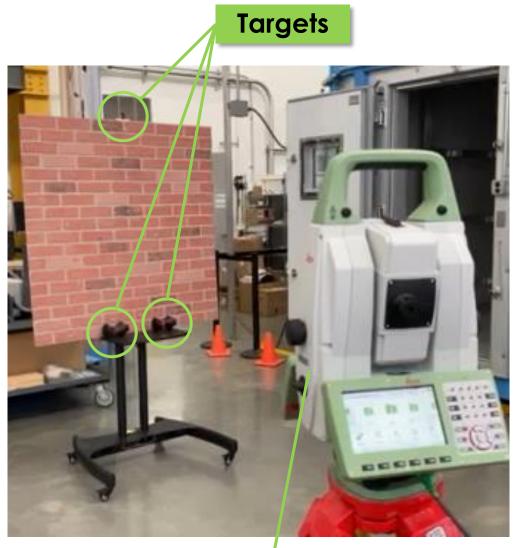


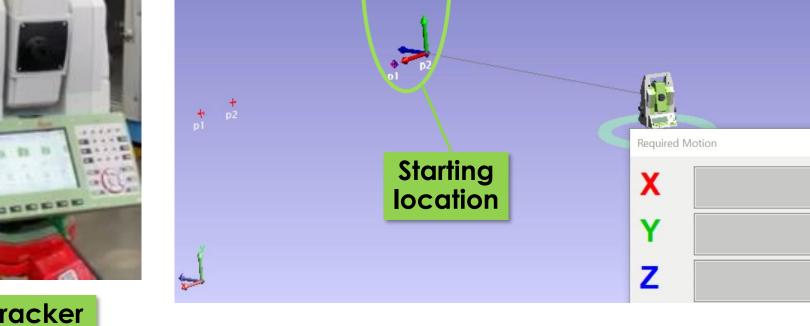
Real-Time Evaluator that Optimizes Overclad Panel Installation

- Decrease installation time and cost by ≥25%
- Autonomous robotic tracker collects positioning data of panels during installation
- Algorithms compare panel's real-time location to a digital twin with as-designed panel locations
- Real-time instructions to installation crew on how to improve positioning of panels and meet required tolerances



Real-Time Evaluator Proof of Concept





GD&T Scripts Reports Help

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Done: Leave Objects in Current Position

Cancel: Restore Original Position

Transformation: Current to Goal

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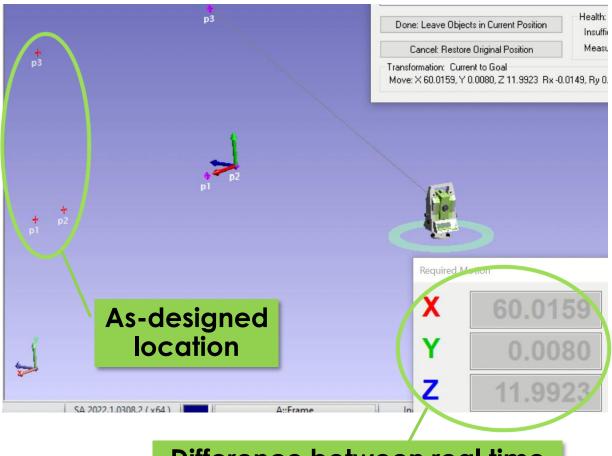
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Relationships Analysis

Autonomous robotic tracker

Real-Time Evaluator Proof of Concept





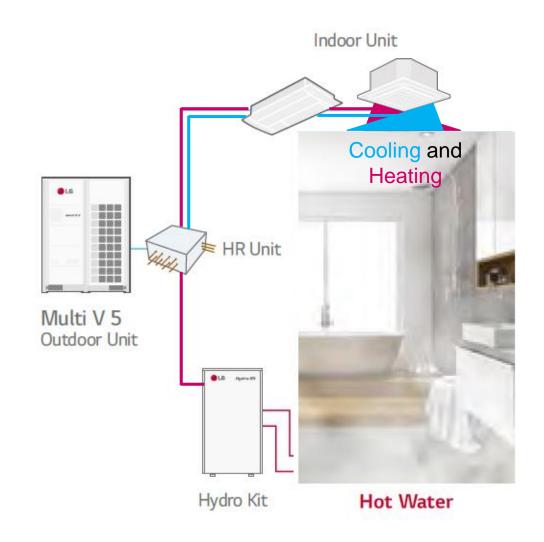
Next steps: increase processing speed, develop user-friendly interface and easy-to-install fixtures for targets

Difference between real time and as-designed location



Integrated Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) Heat Pump (HP), HP Water Heater, Heat Recovery Unit, and Controls

- State-of-the-art, off-the-shelf HVAC and water heater systems
- VRF HP can reduce cooling by 30% and heating energy by 50%
- Maximize occupant comfort by integrating VRF HP with heat recovery unit, smart controls that adjust refrigerant and air flow based on indoor and outdoor temperatures, and indoor RH
- Increase energy savings by integrating VRF HP and heat recovery unit with water heater



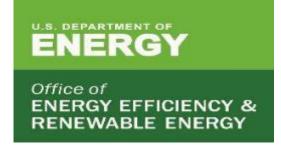
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PV-GEMS: Photovoltaic Powered, Grid Enhanced Mechanical Solution

Eric Martin, Principal Investigator

Presented by Rob Vieira, Director, Buildings Research Division

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Primary Retrofit Approach - High efficiency space conditioning and water heating equipment enhancement

- Retrofit involves a heat pump water heater, and a heat pump for space heating and cooling.
- PV and Grid assisted micro-inverters enhance the resource-use efficiency of the components by minimizing grid energy inputs.
- No PV energy ever sent to grid excess stored with batteries and used to power loads when sun is down.
- Many possible delivery mechanisms that minimize occupant disruption including prepackaged "pod" assembled off-site.
- System designed to reduce energy use, demand, and carbon; provide renewable electrification; and enable elements of gridinteractivity and resiliency.







https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRHLW0sD1go

Phase 1 Achievements - Pilot Systems

16kBtu/h MSHP, 80 gal HPWH, 6 kWh storage

Building Science Lab



2.4kW PV (320W x 8)



1.24kW PV (310W x 4)

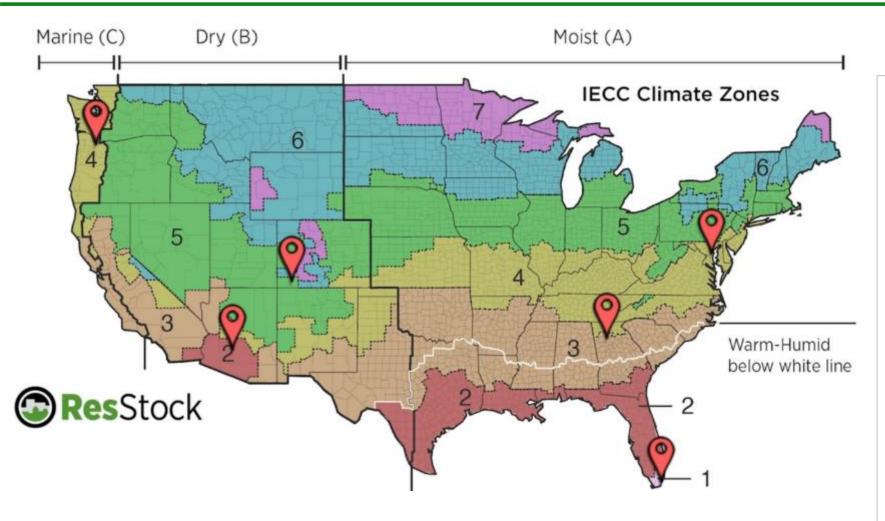




12kBtu/h MSHP, 50 gal HPWH, 3 kWh storage



Savings Estimates - EnergyPlus Simulations Calibrated with Monitored Lab Data



Created multiple single-family home baselines for six cities representing CZ 1-5:

Vintage

- Pre-1990 (80s)
- Post-1990 (90s)

Central Heating System

- Electric resistance
- Heat pump
- Natural gas

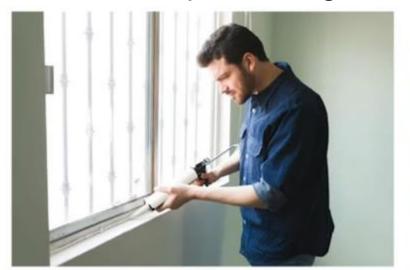
Retrofit Approach - Bundle with Shallow Retrofit Improvements

• Deploy with cost effective, minimally-disruptive retrofit measures that will improve control of airflow, pressures, and comfort while reducing heating and cooling energy use.

Duct Sealing



Envelope Sealing



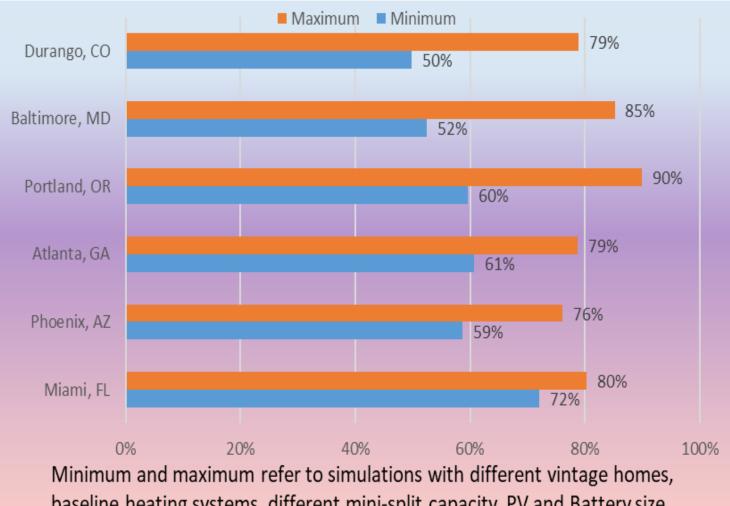
Ceiling Insulation



Savings Estimates – Summary of 150 EnergyPlus Simulations

- Savings from shallow retrofit range from 4%-18%.
- Total savings for HVACWH range from 50%-90%.
- At least 1 case in each climate >75% savings.
- Higher % savings in newer homes, but greater kBtu/ft² savings in older homes.
- Greater kBtu/ft² savings in heating dominated climates.

Annual HVACWH EUI Savings by City



Phase 2 Team



- Rheem
 - Manufacturer Partner

- Experience developing and commercializing buildings technologies.
- Experience validating new technologies in occupied buildings.
- Experience working with building industry to incorporate innovations.



E. Martin, Proj. Mgmt.



C. Colon, Tech. Mgmt.



R. Raustad, Lab Eval.



C. Withers, Demonstrations



D. Chasar, Training



Recruitment Partner



Deployment Planning Partner

Phase 2 Proposed Work Plan – Laboratory Evaluation Task

Activity A – Validate PV-GEMS enhancements.

- 1 Test updated micro-inverter enabling improved battery integration and resiliency mode.
- 2 Test PV-GEMS option for central system replacement with centrally ducted heat pump.
- 3 Enable HPWH advanced load up.



Building Science Lab



Inverter Driven Central Heat Pump

Activity B – Develop pre-packaged prototype.

- Use components from the Phase 1 MH Lab system.
- Includes design considerations for cold climates.



High Bay Lab



Commercial Shed

Activity C – Finalize field demo systems

 Develop design, specifications, and contractor scopes of work with assistance from local engineering firm.





Phase 2 Proposed Work Plan – Demonstration Task

- Each site will undergo an energy audit, and 8-12 months of pre- and post-retrofit monitoring.
- Local engineering firms utilized to review/adjust master specs for permitting.
- Local contractors utilized to perform shallow retrofits (focus on belly of manufactured homes) and furnish / install PV-GEMS components. Leverage network of "Rheem Pro Partners."





Planned Demonstration Sites (12 Total*)

Climate Zone	Location	Community Name	Building Type	PV-GEMS Installation
5B, Cold/Dry	Durango, CO	Animas View	Manufactured Homes	Site Assembled
5A, Cold/Humid	Hudson, MA	Meadowbrook	Manufactured Homes	Site Assembled
2A, Hot/Humid	Pasadena, TX	Pasadena Trails	Manufactured Homes	Site Assembled
4C, Marine	Oregon	TBD	Manufactured Homes	Site Assembled
4A, Mixed/Humid	North Carolina	TBD	Single-Family Homes	Site Assembled
3A, Mixed/Humid	Georgia	TBD	Single-Family Homes	Pre-Packaged

^{*}Two homes per location, all with 60 gal HPWH.

Ten systems with 1.5 ton MSHP supplements, 4 PV modules, 3kWh battery Two systems with central system replacements, 4-8 PV modules, 3kWh bat. Have spoken with Habitat affiliates doing retrofits, including HUD code.

Phase 2 Proposed Work Plan – Manufacturing Task

- Investigate design and manufacturing of commercialized PV-GEMS systems.
- Focus Areas:
 - PV-GEMS system enclosure.
 - PV-GEMS system controller.
- Goal to develop functional prototypes.
- Investigation could reveal opportunity to commercialize part of the PV-GEMS system, or a related innovation.

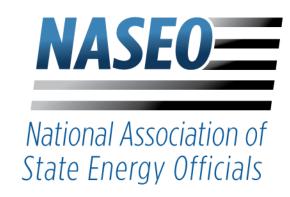






Phase 2 Proposed Work Plan – Deployment Planning Task

- Task led by NASEO, who is already working with DOE BTO to identify policy considerations for successful ABC approaches in multifamily.
- Convene task force to develop technology transition plans for 1) manufactured housing and 2) single family attached/detached to bring commercialized product to market.
- Technology transition plans consider manufacturing, distribution/installation, marketing/sales, along with value to key stakeholders to leverage financing/incentives.
- Task force members include representatives from state and local government, regional efficiency organizations, financing institutions, utilities, energy and green bank programs, and energy efficiency programs.
- ROC USA and affiliates participate as community reps,
 Rheem participates as manufacturer rep, and WATSCO participates as distributor rep.







Phase 2 Proposed Work Plan – Training Task

- Online training geared towards eventual turn-key contractors furnishing and installing PV-GEMS.
- PV-GEMS is unique and cuts across traditional silos including HVAC, solar, electrical, structural, and plumbing.
- Installation curriculum to feature video content and simulated, interactive installation scenarios for virtual hands-on experience. Separate sales curriculum to feature PV-GEMS benefits / economics.
- Draft curriculum content outlined and vetted with Deployment Task Force, and beta tested with early adopter contractors identified by Rheem and WATSCO.



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PV-GEMS Summary

PV-GEMS retrofit approach achieves 75% HVACWH energy savings:

- Monitored savings of component limited prototype in central Florida exceeds 50% cooling season savings.
- Simulations predict 50%-90% savings in CZ 1-5 with at least one configuration exceeding 75% in every climate.

PV-GEMS retrofit approach overcomes some challenges with traditional deep energy retrofits:

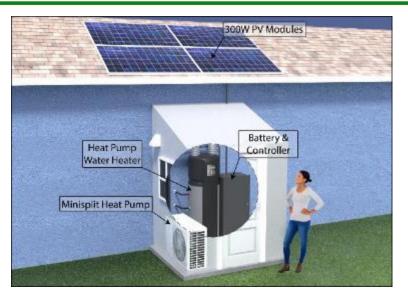
- Mechanical solution that integrates conventional high efficiency equipment in an innovative fashion, deployed alongside a shallow retrofit.
- Provides an effective retrofit that is installed with minimal disruption.

PV-GEMS retrofit approach is replicable and scalable:

- Core technology applicable to most single family homes.
- Commercialized product configurable to various needs/opportunities.

PV-GEMS retrofit approach delivers added value:

- Provides renewable electrification of space and water heating.
- Accommodates grid-interactive efficient building strategies.
- Enables elements of resiliency during grid outage.
- Phase 2 work plan considers energy equity and workforce development.







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Link to PV-GEMS Video

https://vimeo.com/655024096

Explore the Residential Program Solution Center

Resources to help improve your program and reach energy efficiency targets:

- Handbooks explain why and how to implement specific stages of a program.
- Quick Answers provide answers and resources for common questions.
- Proven Practices posts include lessons learned, examples, and helpful tips from successful programs.
- Technology Solutions NEW! present resources on advanced technologies, HVAC & Heat Pump Water Heaters, including installation guidance, marketing strategies, & potential savings.
- Health + Home Performance Infographic NEW! spark homeowner conversations.

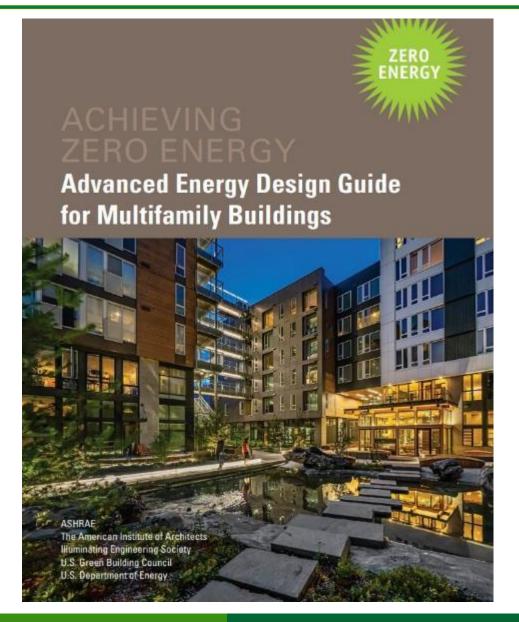


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Zero Energy Advanced Energy Design Guide for Multifamily Buildings



This Guide demonstrates that zero energy multifamily buildings are attainable and provides design teams with strategies for achieving energy savings goals that are financially feasible, operationally workable, and readily achievable.

The Guide offers direction for designing and constructing zero energy multifamily buildings in all climate zones through recommendations, strategies, and solution packages.

Now available for free download through ASHRAE https://www.ashrae.org/technicalresources/aedgs/zero-energy-aedg-free-download

New Health + Home Performance Infographic



DOF's new Health + Home Performance Infographic reveals the link between efficiency and health - something everyone cares about. Efficiency programs and contractors can use the question-and-answer format to discover a homeowner's needs.

The infographic is ideal for the "kitchen table" conversations where people decide what to do and who they want to do it. It also has links for homeowners to find a qualified contractor if they do not already have one.

Download this infographic from DOE's Better Buildings Residential Network.

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